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December 20, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) December 20, 2002

NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State of Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	1-9608 (Commission File Number)	36-3514169 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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29 East Stephenson Street (Address Principal Executive Offices)	Freeport, Illinois 61032-0943 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (815) 235-4171

Item 5. Other Events.

The opinion of Schiff Hardin & Waite filed herewith is incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Nos. 333-88050).

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

(99) Opinion of Schiff Hardin & Waite

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.

Date: December 20, 2002

By: /s/ Dale L. Matschullat

Dale L. Matschullat
Vice President - General
Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
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